

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TAPI PIPELINE

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline project has hit a major roadblock with no international pipeline company willing to participate in the project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the response of the international firms during the road shows held by the aforesaid four nations in New York, London and Singapore;
- (d) the status of the Gas Sale and Purchase Agreement (GSPA) signed in this regard; and
- (e) the capacity of the TAPI pipeline and the share of each country in the said project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SMT. PANABAAGA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): GAIL (India) Limited has informed that during the TAPI Road shows held at Singapore, New York and London, 14 companies (7 International Oil Companies and 7 financiers) participated in the Road shows. No International Pipeline Company participated in the event. International Oil Companies expressed their desire to associate in the integrated project including equity investment in the upstream gas fields, bringing their own equity gas through TAPI pipeline. Financiers expressed their willingness to finance the project with or without the participation of International Oil Companies.

(d): India & Turkmenistan and Pakistan & Turkmenistan have signed the bilateral GSPA on May 23, 2012. According to the GSPA, Turkmenistan is the seller of TAPI gas and GAIL(India) Ltd. is the buyer. The delivery point of TAPI gas will be Turkmenistan-Afghanistan border. The contract period is for 30 years and the contracted volume is 411.173 BCM of natural gas.

(e): The total capacity of the TAPI pipeline is 90 MMSCMD, out of which India and Pakistan's share is 38 MMSCMD each and Afghanistan's share is 14 MMSCMD.